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JOY TO THE BOYS AT THE FRONT.

"Gee, But It's Nice To Meet A Girl Like You", Says Doughboy To One Of The War Workers.

Women have a great share in the wonderful work in behalf of our soldiers, sailors and marines along lines which regular Government agencies cannot reach, and a portion of dollars to be raised in the United War Work Campaign will go to the Young Women's Christian Association which is sharing noble service with the Y. M. C. A., the Knights of Columbus, Jewish Welfare Board, Salvation Army, War Camp Community Service and American Library Association.

Women's share in the hardships and noble achievement close to the battle lines is not confined to members of the Y. W. C. A. or the Red Cross. The Salvation Army lassies have come in for much credit for their self-sacrifice and bravery in taking to the boys at the front the cheer and comfort that sustain them in hours of bitter trial.

"Gee, but it's nice to see a girl like you," says a doughboy, his khaki caked with mud and blood from the trenches as he greets one of our own sweet American girls who brings to him the fragrance of home and the highest type of womanhood. This is a common expression in France, and is the subject of a striking poster by a noted artist who uses it as an appeal for funds in the United War Work Campaign, Nov. 11 to Nov. 18, one of the objects of which is to continue and extend the work of these women who help to sustain the true manhood as well as add to the creature comforts and wholesome diversions of our soldiers and sailors.

CONGRATULATE US.

First Christian Church, Mexico, Mo., Henry Pearce Atkins, Pastor. Mexico, Mo., Oct. 30, 1918. . . . Mr. John Beal, Mexico, Mo. My Dear Mr. Beal:

I want to express my appreciation of the attitude of The Mexico Message in its refusal to publish advertisements of the liquor interests.

In Alabama, the State from which I came to Mexico, such advertisements were illegal, and it was a pleasure to receive daily papers which were as clean as standard magazines. I trust that such a day for Missouri is not far distant. With very best regards for The editor and The Message, I am,

Yours sincerely,
HENRY PEARCE ATKINS.

Mexico, Mo., Nov. 3, 1918.
Editor Mexico Message:

Allow me to express my appreciation of your action during the late campaign in refusing to publish the disgusting advertising literature sent you by the so-called "Citizens' Committee" in behalf of the brewers and liquor dealers of the State. In doing this you refused a very material financial reward. Your action is an honor to your Christian citizenship.

Yours very truly,
CAROL V. LANIUS.

THE BIGGEST IRISH POTATO

Dr. Paul E. Coll received this morning a large Irish potato large enough to make a meal for a dozen people. It was sent to him by Miss Cora Lee Lake from Idaho Falls, Idaho. It measures ten and a half by eleven and a half inches and is smooth, firm and solid.

Dr. Coll is expecting to furnish potato chips for a Halloween party somewhere.

F. F. DAVIS ON THE MARKET

F. F. Davis, a well known farmer of Boone county, Mo., was on the market with a load of cattle and also a load of hogs, all of his own raising and fattening. Mr. Davis for a number of years was connected with the local trade but concluded that he liked farming better, so went back home again took up farm life. He reared the wheat crop excellent and the acreage is much larger than previous year. His many friends were glad to see him looking so well.

Live Stock Market.

Haley McIntire, 17 years old, while playing on the premises of the Ice Plant Sunday afternoon, fell into a vat of hot water and was quite seriously scalded about his ankles.

THOMPSON LETTER.

"Flu" Victims Getting Well—Mr. Carter Disposes Of His Farm—Selling Live Stock.

Thompson, Mo., Nov. 2.—Those who were victims of "flu" in this vicinity are Claud Sansberry, Miss Lela Davis, Sims Considine, Frank Wales, Noah Neff, and "Pet" Jenkins and wife and son. All are getting well, able to be around again.

Will Dempsey and family attended the funeral services of Russell Creasey in Mexico Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Ollie Jones and Miss Sylvia, Mrs. Jenkins and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Broadus and children were guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Davis Wednesday.

Mrs. Frank Hoover is on the sick list.

W. H. Blythe shipped a car load of hogs to St. Louis.

R. L. Davis delivered 21 hogs at 15 1-2 cents to Joe Considine on Monday.

Davis and Morris sold a pair of two year old mules to Thompson of Mexico for \$260, and a young mare to Hugh Dempsey for \$75.

Miss Ella Geary has been visiting in Mexico.

Mrs. Robert Davis spent Thursday with Mrs. Edwin Davis. Sorry to state that Mrs. Edwin has not been so well the past few weeks, because of the cold weather, which makes the rheumatism pains more severe.

Mrs. Eugene Smith and Elizabeth Beatty were the guests of Miss Mary Alice Dempsey one night this week.

Miss Mabel Dorgan, the teacher at Hurdle, spent the week-end with her home folks in Mexico.

Miss Mary Lander of Mexico is visiting her mother, Mrs. L. A. Ferguson, who has been quite ill but is now convalescent.

Mrs. Mae Jones has returned home after a pleasant visit to her daughters in St. Louis.

Mrs. Ed. Beatty and little daughter spent the day with her father, Jess Carter, Friday.

B. Ferguson is erecting a new barn for Joe Considine.

Jess Carter has sold his farm to John Beatty. Mr. Carter will move to Mexico.

Mrs. George Woolery and Mrs. Ed. Conklin were guests of Mrs. Bingle Woolery Thursday.

Slacker Records.—People thru-out the county have responded to the call for slacker records, according to chairman Fred Pilcher, Mexico. Tuesday he had received 60 records from town and country.

For Sale.

Single Comb Rhode Island Red cockerels, early hatch from prize winning stock.

RAY E. DILLARD.

Little Miss Willie Morris, 11 years old, the daughter of Col. F. A. Morris of Mexico, is one of the greatest knitters in the county. She is busy every day knitting socks for the soldiers.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

MEDAL FOR HANNIBAL BOY

Lieut. Joseph C. Raible, Jr., of Hannibal is among those mentioned on today's report as having been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross of the United States. The deed which earned him this distinction is summarized as follows:

First Lieut. Joseph C. Raible, A. S. 147th Aero Squadron, for extraordinary heroism in action at Chateau Thierry, July 5th, 1918. Lieut. Raible and three other pilots, at an altitude of 4,700 meters, attacked an enemy formation of eight battle planes flying at an altitude of 5,000 meters. The German machine dived on them and Lieut. Raible engaged two in combat. In a hard fight, lasting five minutes and finishing at an altitude of 3,000 meters, he shot down one of the attacking party and drove off the other.

REPORTED DEAD.

Fine Eulogy Of A Former Mexico Boy—Fell At The Battle Of St. Mihiel.

The Independence (Mo.) Examiner pays a high tribute to Harold Andrews, a former Mexico boy, son of Mrs. J. E. Andrews of Independence and a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Campbell of Mexico. He was reported dead some time before his actual death. He was the first Independence boy killed in the war and fell at St. Mihiel September 28.

The Examiner's tribute is well deserved, as his many Mexico friends know.

Harold was a member of the Methodist Church and a young man of the highest Christian ideals. His first wound in battle proved slight and after a few days in the hospital he returned to the front where he eventually met his death.

HUNS POISON WELLS

RUIN ALL TOWNS.

Organized Devastation—Take All Cattle—Children Dying, Starving For Milk.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 31.—Documents quoting orders issued by German commanders for the methodical destruction of property and for poisoning of wells during the recent evacuation of Belgium and French territory have reached Washington. Among them is an order taken from a prisoner, issued by the commander of the German army, on September 5th, directing specifically that certain villages be destroyed by the rear guard.

Designated units are assigned to the destruction of the villages named, and in addition the order states "It is the duty of everyone to participate in these destructions", which are to be carried out "with more method and less haste." The order, which is signed "Weck," presumably either the brigade commander or his chief of staff, says, "It is recalled that wells are to be contaminated."

London, Eng., Oct. 31.—Conditions in Russian territory occupied by the Germans are described in an official Russian wireless, which says:

"From all regions now in German occupation it is reported that the German military authorities are carrying off everything that it is possible to take to Germany. They are devastating the country."

"In White Russia there are no horses and no cattle, because the Germans have taken them all. In the regions where evacuation is pending the fields remain unsown because the Germans have left no seed. Children are dying of starvation. Milk cannot be obtained."

"Household furniture, telegraphic and telephonic instruments and appliances from many towns have been sent to Germany. The railway lines have been stripped, only wrecked and useless cars being left behind."

Mrs. E. J. Winter and little son of near Mexico were quite ill last week of influenza.

Lawrence Kunkel, son of E. F. Kunkel, here, is helping down the huns in France. He drives an ambulance and some weeks ago had to change two tires under fire. A letter received from him lately states that he was all right at that time.

PRIVATE RUSSELL CREASEY

BURIED HERE FRIDAY.

The funeral services for Albert Russell Creasey, son of Mason Creasey here, who died at Camp Jackson, Alabama, and whose body was brought to Mexico for burial, was held Friday afternoon at Elmwood cemetery, Rev. C. V. Lanius officiating.

The pallbearers were Marshall Williams and Amos Linn from the Kansas City branch of the Fred Harvey Co. and Eugene Kent, John Gamble, Walter J. Sannebeck and Carl Fessler.

Other outofown guests were Mrs. Cook and Miss Hallady also of Kansas City.

DYE NEWS LETTER.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Leritz and daughter, Lucile, and Mr. and Mrs. John Jesse spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hagan.

Albert Erdel is building a machine shed.

Peter Leritz's sale Wednesday was a success. The ladies of St. John's Church of Laddonia served dinner. They cleared \$25. Mr. Leritz and family will move to Crawford county, Kansas, sometime this winter. Mr. Leritz will be greatly missed by his many friends.

Jake LaRue was in Callaway county last week.

J. C. Hagan hauled wheat to Mexico last week.

Mrs. John Stotler visited her sister, Mrs. Homer Azdell, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Azdell and family were the guests of Mr. Azdell's mother in Mexico Friday in honor of her birthday.

Mrs. Dudgeon, Mrs. Biglow and Robert Anderson had dental work done in Laddonia last week.

O. G. Roth is helping Homer Anderson build a house.

J. T. LaRue butchered a calf Saturday.

Mrs. Edgar Martin who was on the sick list is better.

George Mundy is rapidly improving from a severe attack of influenza and pneumonia.

Gladys and Clark LaRue have returned to school after several weeks' absence with whooping cough.

Peter Leritz butchered a hog Thursday.

SOUTH SALT RIVER LETTER.

Uncle John Lochridge and daughter, Miss Sallie, and Frank James are suffering with LaGrippe.

The first freeze of the season on the morning of November 1st.

Dock Hudson is home on a furlough from Camp Funston. Dock will have a sale of his personal property and go to the war to stay until the Kaiser and his cut-throat huns holler 'nough, and that will be soon unless Pershing and his boys in khaki strangle him so he can't holler.

Frank Waters, Judge William Smith, Cleveland Watts, Byron Bradford, P. H. Cullen and Sam Bise are all erecting various kinds of new buildings on their farms, also Cook Bomar and Henry Kesler are putting building projects under headway.

Those fixing for victory crops by doing fall plowing are Watts Bros., Lon Smith, H. P. Warden, Wallace Bowen, J. P. Newman and sons, J. T. Dudley and son, Tom Dungan and sons, Andy and Bomar Crum, Doll Kesler, Orin Creighhead, Jake Buckner, John Hoffman, C. and Ira Pierce, John Dishman and son, Neal Shaban, Mart. Donnelly, Perry and Fred Riggs, John Wayne and son, Roy Kettle, Bob and H. P. Crum, Frank Swanson, Mit Harrison, Jno. Hunt, Jim Byars and many others.

The nearer victory is assured the

more the slacker slacketh. Ignominy and oblivion will be his name and his just deserts. Every neighborhood has its slackers and yellow streaked cowards, and the red blooded Americans know them. Some of them are automobile pleasure joy riders, others are amateur farmers, others perjurers as to their usefulness. But, thanks be to God, and the peace, liberty loving, valorous, loyal Americans, there will be no let up in men, money, resources of any kind until victory for freedom and democracy is enthroned to reign forevermore. And it will be. So don't let up, Red Bloods, and, you, too, Mr. Slacker, wherever you are that All-seeing Eye is on you, too. The devil, if there is one, loves a liar and a coward. God loves truth and valorous justice.

Jackson School is closed for a season, also Eller and Liberty, so the teachers, Miss Oceola Clapper, Miss Lucile Cook and Miss Blanche White, inform us.

J. T. Watts, Jr., and Cook Bomar bought a big bunch of stock hogs from H. L. Kesler.

If Harvey Walker goes to the war what will we do for a country blacksmith?

Jack F. Harrison, Jr., is quite seriously sick at Gridley, Kansas. His sister, Mrs. Dr. McKinley, is nursing him to recovery. Jack is an exceptionally bright young man and is just as popular as he is intelligent.

A big camp fire and weasel hunt given by Cook and Clark Bomar and Watts Brothers in honor of the veteran, Dock Hudson.

While there is glory enough for all the English, Welch, Irish, Serbs, French, Scots, Canadians, Austrians and other Colonial troops, some Russians, Japs, etc., and every man, woman and child that worked bought, boosted or contributed in any way. But the fact is it was the little boys in khaki from the U. S. A. at Chautau Thierry, July 18, that stayed the rush and beat the German hordes and with the bayonet threw them in the Marne until it was choked with saurkraut and ran red with blood. The French fire was broken only 15 miles to Paris, when this great achievement was staged. It was the turning point. The hun has been on the go ever since and will so continue until thoroly beaten, which is as sure as the sun shines.

Then who, oh, who, would not be proud of those boys, and proud to be a God-loving, liberty-loving American?

For Sale—Two good sows with 6 pigs apiece. Enquire of J. E. Conklin, Mexico, Mo., Route 6.

The public sale of A. C. Barnes near Mexico last week was a great success. Everything sold went for cash and not a note was given.

Mrs. J. D. Miller has been quite ill.

Miss Mary Shutte of Columbia, who has been the guest of Miss Marguerite Seward here, has returned to Columbia to enter upon her studies at the University.

Dr. J. Frank Jolley, recently of Mexico, one of our most popular physicians, now a member of the U. S. Medical Corps, recently stationed at Camp Sheridan, Alabama, has lately been transferred to Camp Upton, Mass., and within a few days expects to sail overseas.

LESLIE THOMAS WRITES

FROM "OVER THERE."

Is Awfully Anxious To Hear From Home—Thinks He's Among A Curious People.

Leslie L. Thomas, who is on the battle front in France, writes the following interesting letter to his sister, Miss Effie Thomas, at Benton City, which we are privileged to publish:

Somewhere in France, Oct. 11, 1918.

My Dear Sister:

I will write you a few lines tonight as I have a little spare time. How are you and all the rest of the family? All well, I hope.

I am feeling very well at present. I haven't had a letter from home since I left the United States. And, believe me, I am getting awfully anxious to hear from home once more. But maybe I will before long. I hope so at any rate.

Well, these are queer people over here. They have such queer ideas. I wish you could see them. I think they are away behind the United States.

Well, Effie, they have put me in a band now, and I think I shall make it just fine. I am sure going to try to do my best, for there is nothing that I like better than music.

I wish I could be with you once more and play the cornet while you play the piano. Those were great days for me, when we were all playing together. But maybe I will get a chance to be with you all again sometime. I am still living in hopes that I may anyway, for there is no place like the United States.

I wish you would tell Austin to send me some candy, that is, some chocolate bars or something like that, for I can't get any candy here, and I would be so glad to get it. I know it will take quite a while for it to reach me, but it will be good when it does get here.

How is mother feeling by this time? I hope she is feeling better.

Well, Effie, I will close now, no more to write at present, but will write you again soon, and you all keep on writing to me, maybe I will get your letters sometime. I sure hope so anyway.

I will close for this time hoping I may hear from you soon.

I remain as ever your loving brother,

LESLIE L. THOMAS, Military Specialists Co., A. P. O. 727, Am. Expeditionary Forces.

Report of Mrs. C. F. Clark, County Chairman, Audrain Unit, Fourth Liberty Loan Organization.

Loutre Township, Benton City, Saline Township, ten school districts, \$20,900.00, subscribers, 163. Wilson Twp. \$6350.00, subscribers, 32. Salt River Twp. 9 school districts, \$15,750.00, subscribers 105. Linn Twp., Rush Hill, five districts, \$19,050.00, subscribers, 104. Cuivre Twp., Vandalia, Farber, Halls School district, Vandalia, \$10,750. Farber, 10,700, Halls District, 1,250, subscribers 108. Total 22,450.00. Sum Total, \$308,100.00. Three school districts, Bonds bo't, \$8,100.00, subscribers, 54. Martinsburg, Bonds, \$29,650.00, subscribers 113. Prairie Twp., Laddonia, 3 school Three school districts, 10,250.00. Mexico, \$156,000.00. Subscriptions received from Mrs. Pollock, Cedar Grove, \$100. Jackson, \$50. Union, \$50. Total, \$1,200.

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